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To All Interested Parties;

The 2003 State Legislature passed statutes (77-2-361 through 367 MCA) authorizing the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) the ability to sell state school trust land and utilize those funds to purchase replacement lands for the school trust through a process called Land Banking. To date, the DNRC and the State Board of Land Commissioners have sold 79,547 acres of Trust Land and purchased 71,058 acres of replacement lands.

The intent of Land Banking is for the state to sell scattered tracts of land that generally lack legal access, generate little revenue or are small and difficult to manage and to purchase property that is blocked or contiguous to state land, has legal access, has potential for increased revenue and is more efficient to manage.

The DNRC is considering the sale of the School Trust Land listed below. These tracts were nominated for sale by Lessees and the DNRC and meet the criteria for sale under Land Banking due to their low-income production, lack of legal access or low recreational use value.

We are currently conducting an analysis under the Montana Environmental Policy Act (MEPA), of the impacts that may occur as a result of the proposed land sale. The analysis will be completed for all of the tracts under consideration prior to presenting a list to the Land Board for preliminary approval. If approval is received from the Land Board, DNRC will then conduct appraisals to estimate value and recommend a minimum bid price for each tract proposed for sale. The list will then be brought back before the Land Board to establish a minimum acceptable bid for each tract and approval to proceed with the sale process.

By this letter, DNRC is seeking comments under MEPA regarding the possible sale of these tracts. Comments will be considered if received no later than **September 7th, 2018** and may be sent to:

DNRC Eastern Land Office
P.O. Box 1794
Miles City, MT 59301
Or by email at: saye@mt.gov

Lands considered for Land Banking Sale listed as follows:

T9N-R41E-Sec 16, All, 640 Acres, Rosebud County

Additional information on the Land Banking process is available on the DNRC website at: http://dnrc.mt.gov/trust/land_banking/about.asp. If you have further questions or need additional information call (406) 232-2034.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "S. Aye".

Scott Aye
Land Program Manager
DNRC Eastern Land Office

Tracts of Land Under MEPA Review for Potential Sale:

Sale #1047

Lessee: Don Youngbauer

Location: Approximately 20 Miles North of Forsyth, Montana

Legal Description: All, Section 16, T9N, R41E; 640 acres, Common Schools Trust

Rosebud County Land Sales



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Legend

Land Sale #1047

Parcel

Bureau of Land Management

Montana State Trust Land

Location: Section 16 T9 N, R41 E
 Prepared by: RMW
 Prepared on: 30 JUL 2018
 Projection: NAD 1983 - MT State Plane

